

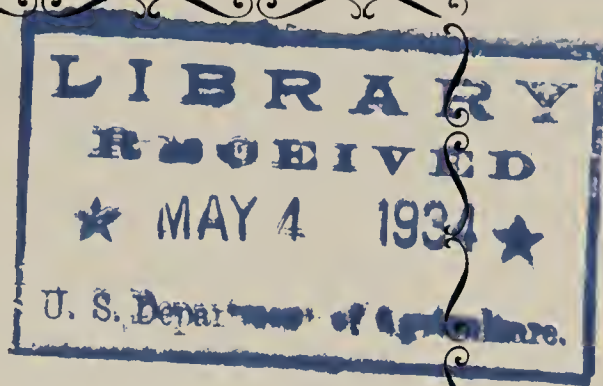
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To enhance the beauty of Parks, Cemeteries, Estates, or smaller gardens, no shrubs are more desirable than the Flowering Crabs. They are not only rivals of the Flowering Cherries, so much praised at flowering time, but surpass them in many ways.

Flowering Crabs are more suitable to northern gardens than Flowering Cherries. They are more hardy but are simply less talked about because they are less known.

Flowering Crabs produce in the spring an abundance of dainty flowers in many shades, the flowers of some varieties being delightfully fragrant.

In late summer and fall, Flowering Crabs bear ornamental fruit very freely—yellow, red, purple, according to variety, while during the summer dense foliage, strongly disease resistant, adorns the shrubs.

In winter, Flowering Crabs are interesting because of their picturesque branch-structure. Planted in groups, or as single specimens, or bordering a woodland, they create an unforgettable picture.

The short description which follows can give only an inadequate picture of the beauty of Flowering Crabs.

## *Available Varieties*

### *Arnoldiana*

The flowers, pink, single or semi-double, are produced in clusters on red stems. The fruit, twice the size of a pea, is yellow and orange.

### *Bechtels Crab*

The flowers are rosy pink, resembling small clustered roses and appear in great abundance. It is the latest flowering of all varieties.

### *Eleyi*

The bright purplish red flowers are born in clusters like apple blossoms, they literally cover the branches. The foliage comes out purple brown, like *Prunus Pissardi*, and later turns to a slightly purplish green. No variety surpasses *Eleyi* in size, color and abundance of fruit which changes from French purple to purple brown. The fruit remains on the branches almost as long as the foliage. Each branch is a picture in Spring as well as in Autumn.

## *Floribunda*

The flowers are deep rose in the bud, turning almost white before the petals fall. As they open in succession, the two colors make a handsome contrast. The foliage is dark green and extremely beautiful while the fruit is yellow or orange and about the size of a small cherry. It attracts numerous birds to the garden.

## *Nietzwetzkyana*

A very interesting variety and one of the first to bloom. The flowers are purplish red, the foliage is tinged purple. The bark, the wood under the bark and the fruit, resemble the flower in color.

## *Parkmanni*

For smaller gardens this variety is especially adapted. It forms a small tree with erect and spreading branches. The flowers are deep rose, double, and droop from slender stalks. The foliage is a very pleasing dark green. The fruit, the size of a small pea, is red.

## *Spectabilis*

A very hardy and long lived tree. The flowers are pink and more or less double. The pale yellow fruit, about an inch in diameter is very abundant and attractive.

## *Theifera*

Numerous clusters of flowers, bright rose in the bud, almost white when fully expanded, are born on short lateral branches. The dull, greenish red fruit is small. It grows with long, zig-zag spreading branches, which gives this variety a distinctive appearance. The peasants in China, whence this variety originates, collect its leaves to prepare "red tea."

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